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AMOUNT SPENT ON BEAUTIFICATION OF CORPORATE OFFICES OF MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crores of rupees had been spent on the corporate office of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred during each of the last three years, year-wise and office-wise;

(c) whether the said amounts are being spent on the rented buildings; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to hold inquiry into the matter and issue guidelines to MTNL to check such extravagance.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c) Corporate office of MTNL is located in Delhi only.No amount has been spent specifically on beautification. However, the Corporate Office in Delhi is existing in a rented building and the rend paid during each of the last three years is as follows:

1998-1999 - Rs.2,53,08,914.25
1999-2000 - Rs.2,88,43,005.54
2000-2001 - Rs.4,17,51,589.50

(d) The MTNL is empowered to take these decisions and holding of inquiry does not appear to be necessary. The standard guidelines for taking accommodation on rent are already existing.